



POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The residential and recycling pickup schedule for June 13, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



Post Theater closed for repairs

The showing of movies at the Post Theater ended June 1 until further notice for sound/projection system repairs. Closure does not affect any other events scheduled at the theater.

MPT WWII documentary

Maryland Public Television is looking for Latino/Hispanic and Native American World War II veterans and civilians employed in the war industries and support services who served in World War II. MPT wants to interview the individuals so their contributions made to the country during the war can be presented in a documentary film that will bookend the Ken Burns' special called, "The War" to be aired in September. There is a July deadline.

If anyone has names, contact Kathy Abey of Congressman Wayne Gilchrest's office with the name and contact information, 888-393-3915 or e-mail kathy.abey@mail.house.gov.

ACS offers beginner computer classes

Army Community Service presents: Introduction to Computer for the beginning student. All classes will be held at Harford Community College.

Introduction to Computers (Overview for the beginning student) will be scheduled 6 to 9 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, June 18 through 27.

Introduction to Excel (Overview for the beginning student) will be scheduled 6 to 9 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, July 9 through 18.

Introduction to Word (Overview for the beginning student) will be scheduled 6 to 9 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, July 10 through 19.

Students must complete the class to receive a certificate of completion from

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APG remembers fallen service members on Memorial Day

Story and photos by
HEATHER TASSMER
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground and Harford County community members, local veterans and politicians gathered at the military cemetery May 28 in APG South for a Memorial Day ceremony in remembrance of service members who sacrificed their lives to protect the nation.

The 389th Army Band (AMC's Own), led by commander Chief Warrant Officer 3 Fred Ellwein, provided music for the ceremony.

Timothy J. Baird, Corpus Christi Council, served as the ceremony's narrator. Garrison Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ruben Colon gave the invocation and the benediction.

Col. John T. Wright, Garrison and deputy installation commander, was the guest speaker for the event.

Wright thanked those who coordinated the event, local veterans organizations, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts for attending the ceremony. He also praised the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own).

"You provide beautiful music with historical significance for the young and old," Wright said.

In light of APG's 90th anniversary, he discussed the historical events that took



Linda MacArthur, Harford County Memorial VFW Post 5337 Ladies Auxiliary president, places a wreath at the entrance of the military cemetery at APG South during a Memorial Day ceremony May 28.

place on Edgewood Arsenal those many years ago.

"In 1917, six months after World War I, APG was designated as a better place to test weapons," he said. "Let us remember the young men and women of the Edgewood Arsenal who made the decisions on designating and producing weapons that would defend

our country.

"Those of us today gather to remember those who committed to something larger than themselves, accepted a call to duty and risked their lives so that Americans can go on with their daily routines and be safe," Wright said.

He said those who have followed the theme "Call to

Duty: Boots on the Ground-Army Strong" "allow us to have the powerful Army we have today."

In addition, he praised past and present Soldiers and pointed out two Soldiers in the audience that would soon be going to combat in Iraq.

Wright gave attendees several tasks to complete in the

following weeks including visiting grave sites of fallen service members and shaking hands with a Soldier to thank them for their service. He also encouraged veterans to wear their medals to show their pride for the country.

In addition, House of Delegates Rep. Dan Riley discussed

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101 Critical Days of SUMMER

May 28 - Sept. 3

Never Give Safety A Day Off

Soldiers never give safety a day off

Story by
LORI YERDON
U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center

The U.S. Army commences its "101 Critical Days of Summer Safety" campaign with a simple yet meaningful slogan, "Never Give Safety a Day Off."

Memorial Day through Labor Day marks the critical days when accidents and mishaps pose a greater risk to Soldiers and their Families, so this year's theme holds great value in sustaining the force and maintaining an Army Strong, said Brig. Gen. William H. Forrester, director of Army Safety.

"As we enter the 101 days of summer – think back to effective messages some of your previous leaders delivered," Forrester said. "One in particular I vividly recall was given by then Maj. Gen. Dick Cody, our commanding general.

His message, delivered to the entire 101st Airborne Division was founded on the statistical analysis that predicted the division would lose two Soldiers to fatalities over the Memorial Day weekend. As we gathered shoulder to shoulder, with some twenty thousand of our comrades, our division commander asked us all – 'Who in this crowd will we let die?'"

Each week, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center will publish articles containing information to help Soldiers use composite risk management in making sound judgments while on and off duty.

"My challenge to you and our Army is a simple but an effective goal that proclaims 'I can save my life and that of my comrade,'" Forrester said.

Weekly articles and information products can be found at <https://crc.army.mil/101days>.

Soldiers participate in the 61st Ordnance Brigade's Safety Stand Down Day May 18



Photo by JIM BRIDGES, DOI
Col. Bobby Towery, commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade, talks to Soldiers about wearing bright colored vests while riding motorcycles so they can be seen by drivers during Safety Stand Down Day.

Story by
HEATHER TASSMER
APG News

Advanced Individual Training students, permanent party and warrant officers, noncommissioned officers and other leaders learned about the

importance of safety during the 61st Ordnance Brigade's Safety Stand Down Day May 18.

Bob McNabb, occupational safety and health specialist for the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, discussed the goals and purpose

of the safety day.

"Our goal is to always create a safe environment conducive to working, training and academic excellence," McNabb said. "Even though the safety staff works closely with commanders, supervisors, instructors and collateral duty safety officers, employing safety measures to reduce and prevent injuries, we strongly believe that safety is everyone's business and responsibility and through these Safety Stand Down Days we re-enforce positive safety and health awareness."

The day follows the 2006 safety campaign, "Own the Edge" which calls for Soldiers to be aware of risks around them on and off duty.

Advanced individual training students rotated through a series of stations that taught them about different kinds of hazards they may encounter. Senior leaders learned about Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and traffic safety. Soldiers also learned about motorcycle safety.

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Three Army Family Action Plan issues completed

Story by
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FMWRC

Three of the 22 issues submitted to the General Officers Steering Committee through the Army Family Action Plan process were listed as completed at the GOSC conference May 9.

Those issues are:

- Reserve Component dental readiness: Both the Army Reserve and the Army National Guard have received authorization and funding to provide appropriate dental examinations and treatment for the mobilizing force to ensure that Soldiers have met all dental requirements before being deployed. Dental readiness was cited as one of the major contributors to Soldiers not being ready for deployment.

Since this issue was identified by AFAP, dental examinations and care have changed and improved significantly. Current data from the U.S. Army Dental Command shows that more than 99 percent of all mobilized reserve component Soldiers have deployed in Class 2 or better status.

- Wounded Soldier updates: In the past, Army Families experienced difficulty obtaining timely and accurate updates of their wounded Soldiers.

There is now a wounded in action toll-free number, 800-626-3317 that is available for Families to call to find out the status of their Soldier. After initial notification but before Family movement to the Soldiers' bedside, Army Casualty notifies rear detachments and provides updates on the Soldier.

- Family sponsorship during unaccompanied tours:

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Bringing the Chem Corps' best to the table

RDECOM

The Annual National Capital Region Green Dragon Ball is celebrating the 89th anniversary of the Chemical Corps and the 90th anniversary of Aberdeen Proving Ground July 20 at Top of the Bay.

Brig. Gen. Stanley H. Lillie, Director of Integration, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-8, will host the ball.

"This year's National Capital Region Green Dragon Ball will bring together more than three hundred Dragon Soldiers, civilians and their spouses from throughout the D.C. area for collaboration as colleagues and as friends," Lillie said. "The National Capital Region's Green Dragon Ball is an excellent opportunity to link the past, present and future of the Chemical Corps at one event."

"The National Capital Region Green Dragon Ball is not just a dinner, it is an inspiration for all involved in the chemical community. It is a chance to unite our country's bravest Soldiers," Lillie said.

This joint celebration will include displays, formal festivities and induct several attendees into the prestigious Chemical Corps Order of the Dragon.

"The skill and courage of our Green Dragon Soldiers and civilians is recognized around the world, and they are truly a national asset," said Maj. Gen. Stephen Reeves, Joint Program Executive Office Chemical Biology Defense. "The annual National Capital Region Green Dragon Ball is an opportunity to bring together the diverse talents and people from across the CBRN community and share an evening of camaraderie."

For more information, visit <http://www.rdecom.army.mil/greendragonball/>.

To make a reservation, call 410-436-4803.



Deployment News

APG helps county dedicate memorial to war dead



Photo by MATT BUTTON, THE AEGIS
Sgt. Maj. Michael Strifolino, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, touches the military branch emblems on the Harford County Public School Student Memorial after its dedication ceremony in Bel Air May 24.

Story by
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APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground joined Harford County Public Schools, the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs and several veteran service organizations in remembering all former HCPS students who died while serving the nation in armed conflicts.

The memorial was unveiled during a ceremony at the HCPS administration building in Bel Air May 24.

Hosted by Don Morrison, HCPS director of public information, the ceremony included remarks by local and state dignitaries including George

Owings, former secretary, Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs; Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander; Dr. Jacqueline C. Haas, superintendent of HCPS; David R. Craig, county executive; Mark M. Wolkow, president, Harford County Board of Education; and retired Navy Lt. Edward T. Kreiner Sr., chairman of the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs, who was credited with being the driving force behind the erection of the monument.

Special guests included members of the Maryland House of Delegates, the Harford County Council and state

and local politicians or their representatives.

Gold Star parents of service members killed in the Iraq War unveiled and laid red roses on the black granite monument which weighs two and one-half tons and measures 4-feet by 3-feet. The monument is embedded in the wall of the building's entrance. It bears the emblems of the five armed services – Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard – and is engraved: “Dedicated To Former Harford County Public School Students Who Made The Ultimate Sacrifice For Our Country.”

Haas told the Gold Star parents that she was “honored

to be in your presence and I respect the reality of the sacrifices made on your behalf.”

She thanked Kreiner for the “learning experience” during the two-year process of obtaining and erecting the monument.

“I can’t tell you how much he taught me during this process,” she said, adding that she learned about “true leadership and true sacrifice.”

Addressing the Gold Star parents, Haas said that, “Wars require that Americans put forth great sacrifices and these are the sacrifices that great Americans must make. I’ll think of you and your sacrifices and remember to tell young ones the importance of sacrifice and heroism.”

Wright said that it was a “distinct pleasure to stand here before you representing the entire U.S. Army.”

He thanked Kreiner for leading the way “for all of us to have this memorial here.”

“Our young men and women, administrators and educators will see and understand the sacrifices of the young men and women who took the oath to take care of our country,” Wright said.

He reminded listeners that “just a few miles from here, Colonel Towery and the 61st Ordnance Brigade trains more than ten-thousand volunteers a year. Keep them in your mind, keep them in your heart, keep them in your prayers.”

Owings presented a proclamation signed by Gov. Martin O’Malley making May 24 Memorial Day in Harford County and asked listeners not to take the wall for granted.

“Place these young people in your hearts and minds and do something every day to make them proud of what they have given you,” he said.

Kreiner thanked Craig and the Veterans Commission for their “never-ending support, Haas “who was always accommodating and open minded” during the two-year project, and Harford County Chamber of Commerce president Bill Securro, who he said was “extremely helpful in reaching out to the business community” for funds supporting the project.

“My heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed to this beautiful memorial,” Kreiner said, adding that the granite came from Steve Hughes of Hughes’ Memorials.

“We are here today not to remember the wars but to remember the warriors,” Kreiner said. “When attacked,

we individually as a nation come together for the sake of freedom. We must always remember and we must teach our young people that freedom comes at a great price. May God bless those who have gone before us and be with those in harm’s way.”

The program included music by the C. Milton Wright High School band; the singing of the national anthem by Amanda Willard, an eighth grade Aberdeen Middle School student; the singing of “God Bless America” by North Harford High School senior Andrew Asaki; the posting and retiring of colors by a combined veterans color guard; and the playing of “Taps” by Sgt. Luis Ortiz, 389th Army Band (AMC’s Own).

Retired Lt. Col. George R. Large, chaplain of the Military Officers Association of America, delivered the invocation.

Cold tastes of home help deployed troops beat summer heat

AAFES

With temperatures soaring and personnel numbers surging, troops throughout Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom are reaching for cool drinks to beat the heat and keep up with the demanding pace of contingency operations.

“Deployed Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors and Marines need significantly more to drink than the traditional eight glasses of water a day,” said Army & Air Force Exchange Service spokesperson Lt. Col. Dean Thurmond. “In fact, uniformed personnel serving in the Middle East may need to drink about fifty eight-ounce glasses a day. Take it from me,

drinking that much liquid in twenty-four hours can make even the most regimented person thirsty for some variety.”

Deployed troops looking for a change last month made Monster and Red Bull Energy Drinks two of the three most popular items at 51 BX/PXs scattered throughout Iraq, Afghanistan, Qatar, Kyrgyzstan, Djibouti, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates. Monster, which came in at number one with troops picking up 357,956 16-oz. cans, was followed by 248,267 bottles of Green Tea while Red Bull checked in at number three as 205,799 8.3-oz. metallic blue and silver cans were gulped down in just 30 days.

With average high temperatures already hovering between 98 and 105 degrees Fahrenheit, Thurmond said demand for coffee remains surprisingly strong in exchanges in the Middle East.

“Keep in mind, AAFES isn’t sending your grandpa’s steaming cup of instant ‘joe’ to the desert. Instead of brewing up pots of coffee, BX/PXs in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom depend on large coolers to keep the java ice cold,” he said.

The exchange service’s coolers earned their keep in April as BX/PXs downrange moved more than 390 million gallons of Starbucks Frappuccinos and Doubleshots as troops “popped the top” on 131,353 9.5-oz. Vanilla Frappuccinos, 126,662 9.5-oz. Mocha Frappuccinos and 119,963 6.5-oz. Doubleshots.

Any American can send deployed troops a cool drink this summer, and skip the more than \$30 postage needed to pack and send four 16-oz. cans to Iraq via Airmail Parcel Post, with a BX/PX gift certificate that can be redeemed at any AAFES exchange, including 26 facilities in Iraq alone.

“We’ve done the heavy lifting,” said the AAFES’ Chief of Contingency Planning Lt. Col. Steven Dean. “Other than home-made cookies and handwritten letters, almost anything you would want to pack up and send to a service member far from home is already on the ground and available at the exchange.”

Started soon after programs that allowed the general public to send mail addressed to “Any Service Member” were cancelled due to security concerns and transportation constraints, AAFES’ military gift certificate campaign allows anyone to make a direct and tangible contribution to military morale with a gift certificate that can be redeemed for nearly anything that a specific service member wants.

“Gifts from the Homefront” can be sent to troops deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere overseas by logging on to www.aafes.org or calling 877-770-4438. From there, “Gifts from the Homefront” are sent to individual service members (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to “any service member” through the Air Force Aid Society, American Red Cross, Coalition to Salute America’s Heroes, Fisher House, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Operation Homefront, Operation Interdependence® or USO.



<http://www.samsclub.com/shopping/navigate.do?dest=5&item=190409>

Drowning Pool writes song for troops

Story by
HEATHER TASSMER
APG News

The members of the rock/heavy metal band Drowning Pool have been dedicated to supporting U.S. troops since their first United Service Organizations tour overseas in 2005 when they performed in Kuwait.

The band members wrote “Soldiers” after they returned from Kuwait.

Stevie Benton, bassist for the band, said the military really took a liking to Drowning Pool’s first single, “Bodies.”

“We wanted to write a song that had a more direct reflection for them,” Benton said. “‘Bodies’ is only a mosh pit song and we wanted to make more of a direct connection to the Soldiers. We wanted to write a song they could make their own.”

In 2006, the band had the opportunity to perform “Soldiers” on a USO tour in Iraq.

Benton said the band received many compliments for the song while on tour but after releasing the music video, he received thousands of e-mails from fans.

“Every morning I spend an hour reading the e-mails,” he said. “It is awesome

to have such instant feedback.”

Benton said before the band toured Kuwait in 2005, they were “expecting the worst” because of all the negative war reports on CNN.

Performing for the troops turned out to be a positive experience for the band.

“It was great to play a rock show that meant more than just people hanging out and partying,” Benton said. “We were giving a mental break to Soldiers who work each day to protect us and give so much to us.”

Because the concerts only lasted an hour to an hour and a half, the band had a lot of spare time to hang out with and get to know Soldiers.

“We were surprised how high their morale was,” Benton said. “They are just doing what they need to do for the country.”

He said that the band felt so comfortable talking and spending time with the troops that it started to feel like they were back home in the United States.

Drowning Pool

Drowning Pool is a Dallas-based band comprised of Benton, Ryan McCombs, lead vocalist; C.J. Pierce, lead guitarist

and Mike Luce, drummer.

Drowning Pool’s first album, “Sinner,” became platinum within six weeks of its debut. The band performed at Wrestlemania XVII and Ozzfest in the summers of 2001 and 2002, according to the band’s bio on www.yahoo.com.

The band faced a setback in 2002 when vocalist Dave “Stage” Jones died of natural causes on their tour bus.

With the addition of singer Jason “Gong” Jones, the band released their second album, “Desensitized” in 2004 which included songs such as “Step Up” and “Bringing Me Down.”

Their new album, “Full Circle,” is scheduled to be released on July 24. They are touring the United States with Diecast.

USO

The USO has provided morale, welfare and recreational activities to the U.S. military and their Families for more than 66 years. The USO is a nonprofit, charitable organization and is supported by Worldwide Strategic Partners, AT&T Inc., BAE Systems North America, Clear Channel Communications and many other companies. For more information, visit www.uso.org.

Packing tape, postage and melting chocolate?

Troops get the support they want, without all the mess, with ‘Gifts from the Homefront’

AAFES

As the military command charged with meeting the retail needs of more than 100,000 American troops deployed to Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service’s leadership has seen it all when it comes to setting up shop in a war zone.

“If you can go buy it in your corner store in America, there is a pretty good chance AAFES has shipped it to the desert,” said AAFES’ Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Bryan Eaton. “Our people have learned a lot of lessons most retailers have never even had to think about since AAFES hit the ground in April 2003.”

Anyone planning on mailing a tra-

ditional care package to a Soldier, Airman, Sailor or Marine this summer can avoid some potentially messy situations by listening to the lessons AAFES has learned in the deserts of Iraq and Afghanistan.

“Sand and electronics don’t mix, chips mailed in the same container as laundry detergent taste funny and chocolate melts really, really fast when the temperature is 120 degrees,” Eaton said. “The trip from here to there can be an extremely rough one. As a result, many items don’t look, or work, the same when they finally reach their destination half way around the world.”

After more than four years serving troops throughout OEF/OIF, AAFES

has refined its logistics operations to ensure that more than 50 BX/PXs in the contingency theater have a steady supply of portable music players, soft drinks and candy bars that troops can easily access.

“We want to deliver a close to stateside shopping experience to troops, regardless of where they are called to serve,” said deployed AAFES Area Manager, Robert Little, from his Operations Center at Victory Base Camp near Baghdad. “More than four hundred AAFES associates, who have voluntarily deployed to the contingency theater, work diligently to ensure anything we put on BX and PX shelves show very little signs of the long trek to

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DOC announces PR cutoff dates for 2007

ACA

The Army Contracting Agency Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Contracting has established its fiscal year 2007 cutoff dates for submission of purchase requests.

Early customer support in identifying and submitting PRs by or before the dates shown below greatly enhances the ability of the APG DOC to meet customer needs. Early planning and coordination remain the keys to a successful year-end.

Offices are advised to submit year-end requirements as early as is reasonable to minimize the possibility of funds going unobligated at year end.

The following schedule has been established for the submission of PRs for FY 07 and maintenance for FY 08:

- Noncommercial Items over \$100,000 – July 1*
- Noncommercial Items between \$2,500 and \$100,000 – Aug. 1
- Commercial items between \$100,000 and \$5 million – July 1
- Commercial Items under \$100,000 – Aug. 15
- Services Over \$100,000 – July 1
- Delivery Orders and Task Orders Under Existing Contracts – Aug. 1
- GSA Schedule Procurements – Aug. 1
- Short-of-Award over \$2,500 – June 15**
- Maintenance for FY 2008 – July 1

(FY 08 Contract Modifications and Options for Existing Maintenance Contracts)

* There may be instances where this date may not be adequate for complex actions. It is therefore required that these actions be coordinated with the branch chief prior to this date.

**Customers submitting “short-of-award” PRs, especially for services requirements, must seriously consider whether funding will materialize. A substantial amount of effort is expended to prepare these pending actions and they must be prioritized after PRs that are funded and PRs that are subject to the availability of funds.

The above lead times can be affected by various factors, a few of which include: competition requirements, to include fair opportunity for services task orders over \$100,000 when using Federal Supply Schedules; obtaining sole, limited source or urgency approvals – the Justification and Approval process; the review process accomplished by the APG Small Business Advisor to ensure all socio-economic programs will be appropriately addressed; front-end PR entry, and PD2 (PD2 is the DoD contracting automated system used at APG).

New requirements affecting lead times

When placing sole source orders over \$2,500 under Federal Supply Schedules, a Justification and Approval

must be prepared and approved by a Contracting Officer.

When purchasing supplies or services over the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$100,000) using non-DoD contract vehicles (which includes placing orders with GSA), proposed actions must be reviewed and approved considering:

If the action is in the Best Interest of the Government – satisfying customer requirements, schedule, cost effectiveness (taking into account, discounts and fees), and contract administration including oversight.

All service requirements must be approved for purchase prior to submittal to the APG DOC IAW established agency procedures as directed by the Secretary of the Army memo, Army Policy for Civilian Hiring and Initiation/Continuation of Contracts for Service Personnel, 23 Feb 06.

Other factors which must be addressed: determining that tasks or supplies ordered are within the scope of the contract; ensuring funding is used IAW appropriation limitations; providing unique terms, conditions and requirements for incorporation into an order or contract to comply with all applicable DoD-unique statutes, regulations, directives and other requirements (e.g., all clothing, shoes and other items specified under the Berry Amendment, procured with DoD funding, is of domestic origin); and collecting data on the use of assisted acquisitions for analysis.

Information technology

Desktop and Notebook Computer Purchases. To maximize cost savings, all Army desktops and notebooks ‘shall’ be ordered through the Consolidated Buy program utilizing the Army Desktop and Mobile Computing agreements. For the policy memo issued by the Army’s Chief Information Officer on July 22, 2005, Buying Schedule, Specs and Pricing, Submittal Instructions, Request Preparation, Exceptions, and Frequently Asked Questions, visit the Consolidated Buy page at: https://ascp.monmouth.army.mil/scp/cb/cb_index.jsp. Requests for these items must be submitted to the Directorate of Information Management. For standard requests, DOIM will approve the request and forward it to the ACA DOC for processing. For non-standard requests, DOIM will review and validate the request and then forward it to ACA. For more information, contact the ACA APG DOC chief, Technology Branch, 410-278-0883.

The contracting officer is responsible for and this office’s policy is to determine the best method of procuring any supply or service based upon regulation, urgency, delivery, socio-economic concern and competition which provides the best value at a reasonable price.

Submission of requests after the scheduled dates will be



considered on a case-by-case basis and will require approval by the chief of the Contracting Division. The APG DOC will do as much as possible to assist customers in satisfying their requirements after the cutoff dates. However, the directorate has a limited capability to process late requirements. Budgetary constraints may mean that customer-funded overtime may be the only method to provide the directorate with additional flexibility to accept requirements after the established dates.

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Facilities Branch: For repair, alteration, construction, sale and removal of excess real property, services for base operations functions (including, but not limited to, utilities privatization, custodial, refuse, underground utilities locating, etc.), equipment-in-place and facilities contact Kandi McDonald, Kandi.mcdonald@us.army.mil, 410-278-2372.

Services Branch: For the purchase of base support and services for core customers; equipment-in-place; range testing of vehicles, equipment, ammunition; lease, rental, and maintenance of equipment; full food services; and environmental services contact Shirley Kelly, shirley.a.kelly@us.army.mil, 410-278-0854.

Technology Branch: For information technology equipment and services; word processing equipment; software; general, specialized, and test equipment; instrumentation; supplies; and IT maintenance contact Barbara Kuklinski, barbara.kuklinski@us.army.mil, 410-278-0883.

AEC Branch: For the purchase of all services covering cleanup work in support of the U.S. Army Environmental Command’s mission contact Alison Gannon, Alison.gannon@us.army.mil, 410-436-1661.

The ACA APG DOC Web site is located at <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/Restricted/aca/index.html>.

The fiscal year cutoff

dates for submission of PRs are located at this site under “Announcements, News, and Notes.” For customer assistance, use the link, “Customer Corner,” for guides, templates, formats and helpful Web sites.

Purchase requests awarded “subject to the availability of funds” must be funded as soon as funds become available. The work must start and the contractors must be paid – this is not accomplished until the funds are certified.

Preparation of PRs

When preparing PRs in PRWEB (formerly known as Aquiline):

Do not use any dashes or spaces in the PR number.

When preparing attachments for any electronic document to be used by contracting, submitters must use Normal, Times New Roman, 10. The contracting writing system used by Contracting cannot format correctly if a font other than Normal, Times New Roman, 10 is used or if any special characters are used in the document.

Do not use page breaks, section breaks, column brakes or special characters such as trademark signs, tm, ®, <, etc., in any document that will be used in a purchase order or contract.

Community Notes

FRIDAY
JUNE 8
LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE

The Chesapeake Heritage Conservancy, Inc. will offer a narrated Lighthouse cruise, noon to 3 p.m., aboard the Skipjack Martha Lewis in Havre de Grace. Tickets cost \$30 per person and include a boxed lunch and water views of Concord Point, Turkey Point and Fishing Battery Island.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-4078.

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
JUNE 9 AND 10
FREEDOM HILLS ANNUAL TRAIL RIDE-A-THON

Freedom Hills Therapeutic Riding Program, Port Deposit, will hold its annual Trail Ride, Ride-A-Thon and Walk-A-Thon to benefit the physically, mentally and emotionally challenged. Ride one will take place both days, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with lunch available on the trail and include walk, trot canter and heavy hill work. Ride two will take place 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m., June 9; and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 10 and is a walk-only ride. The event costs \$25 for adults; \$15 for children ages 6 to 18; free

for children under 6 years of age; cost of box stall for two nights is \$40; \$25 for one night.

For more information or for directions, call 410-378-3817 or 1-866-431-6874, or visit www.freedomhills.org.

SATURDAY
JUNE 9
‘BAR-B-QUE CHALLENGE’ AND BAKING CONTEST

Calling all cooks and bakers. A ‘Bar-b-que Challenge and Baking Contest’ will be held 1 to 4 p.m., at the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection located on Rumsey Island, Joppatowne. Cooking will take place 7 to 11:45 a.m.; judging will be held at noon. Barbeque can be either a meat or non-meat entry.

Cost of admission to this event is \$5 and includes a sample of the entrees. For more information or to register, call Beverly, 410-679-5394 or 443-846-1017.

PERRY HALL BAPTIST COMMUNITY FAIR

Perry Hall Baptist Church, located on 3919 Schroeder Avenue, Perry Hall, will host a free Community Fair, 1 to 4 p.m. Events include live music, helicopter rides, hay rides, jugglers, clowns, pony rides, free hot dogs, chips,

snowballs, popcorn, door prizes, live music, dunking booth, moonbounce and more.

For more information, call 410-256-8880 or e-mail jhartman@perryhallbaptist.org.

10TH ANNUAL WADE-IN

Join the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center and the Tributary Strategy Team for an afternoon of watery fun. The 10th Annual Wade-In will be held 2 to 5 p.m., to measure water quality.

Participants will wade into the waters of Otter Point Creek and then enjoy lots of fun Family activities including live music, fish printing, turtle time, pontoon boat rides, fish seining, canoeing, face painting and more. Free for all ages. No registration is required.

For information or for directions to the center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY
JUNE 10
OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE MARSH

Wear boots and hike the marshy trails at Bosely Conservancy in search of tracks of beaver, birds and deer. Record the track finds to take home by making track casts. This program will be held 10 to 11:30 a.m. for ages 7 to adult and costs \$4. Registra-

tion is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

CELTIC FESTIVAL

Steppingstone Museum, located on 461 Quaker Bottom Road, Havre de Grace, will host an annual Celtic Festival (formerly known as the Scottish Festival), noon to 5 p.m. Cost of admission is \$5 for adults and free for children 12 and under and members, and includes a tour of the museum buildings. There will be no charge for parking. Events include the Loch Raven Pipes and Drums, sheep shearing and sheepherding demonstrations, spinning and weaving, Welsh clogging, Bonnie Wylie’s Highland Dancers, amateur highland games competitions, the Rehobeth Welsh Choir. Food will be available. The Grand March will take place 1:30 p.m.

For more information or directions, call the museum office at 410-939-2299; call toll-free, 1-888-419-1762; e-mail steppingstonemuseum@msn.com or visit Web site www.steppingstonemuseum.org.

(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.)

Post Shorts

Harford Community College. Study guides provided.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Students must register at the ACS Employment Readiness office, building 2754 Rodman Road, 410-278-9669.

LIONS Homeschool CO-OP holds planning meeting

LIONS Homeschool CO-OP will hold an informational/planning meeting 10 a.m., June 10, at the APG North Youth Center. All parents interested in being a part of the co-op in the fall are encouraged to attend and help plan the classes for September.

For more information, contact Chel Shupp, 443-655-0271 or e-mail ccettshupp@comcast.net.

Thrift Shop holds bag sale through August

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Thrift Shop, located in

building 2458, is holding a \$2 Bag Sale during regular business hours through August. Sale items are mainly men’s, women’s and children’s clothing.

The Thrift Shop hours of operation are Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-8572 during business hours.

ACS holds Waiting Families Support Group meetings

The Waiting Families Support Group is scheduled for 6 to 7 p.m., Wednesdays only, at Army Community Service, building 2754 Rodman Road. This group is designed to provide resource information to assist spouses and Family members remaining behind while the military sponsor serves on unaccompanied tours, extended TDY, or deployments.

Meetings will be held June 13, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 and Dec. 5.

For more information, call Marilyn Howard, ACS, building 2754 Rodman Road, 410-278-9669/7572.

Dining facilities hold 232nd Army Birthday Specialty Meal

The United States Army Birthday Specialty Meal will be held in the APG North dining facilities, buildings 4503 and 4219 and the APG South dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m., June 14.

During this event all military personnel, Family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The holiday meal rate of \$6.05 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and Family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilian, retiree and their guests. The discount meal rate of \$5.15 applies to spouses and other Family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The menu includes buffalo wings with bleu cheese dressing, grilled steak with sautéed mushrooms and onions, broccoli, cheese and rice casserole, barbecue chicken, cheesy bacon burger, chili dogs with cheese and onions, grilled polish sausage, barbecue pork sandwiches, submarine sandwiches (finish your own), baked beans, macaroni and cheese, freedom fries, onion rings, potato bar, baked sweet potato, corn on the cob, southern style collard greens, assorted salad bar, potato salad, cole slaw with creamy dressing, macaroni salad, assorted condiments, hot dinner rolls, assorted breads, corn bread, army birthday cake, apple pie, big chocolate chip cookies, watermelon and assorted fresh fruit, soft serve ice cream with assorted toppings and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information, call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green, 410-306-1393/1398.

Movies

ADMISSION:
ADULTS \$3.50,
CHILDREN 1.75
Building 3245
Aberdeen Boulevard
To verify listing, call
410-272-9008, or visit
www.aafes.com and
click on “Movie Listing.”

The theater is closed until further notice for sound system repairs.

Education Center conducts in-process briefings

The APG Education Center, located in building 4305, second floor, Room 213-B, will conduct a monthly in-process briefing for Soldiers within their first 30 days of assignment to APG. The briefings will take place 8 to 9 a.m. on the last Monday of each month and are designed to inform Soldiers, enlisted and officers, of programs and services available to meet the requirements of their educational goals and plan. The briefing also will provide information to help establish or recertify the Soldier’s long/short-term education goals and plan.

For more information, call Tressie Stout, 410-306-2042.

(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.)

Memorial Day

From front page

the origin of Memorial Day. He said the day of remembrance dates back to the Civil War era when wives of fallen confederate Soldiers cleared the graves of their husbands and union Soldiers' graves. The act spread to other towns and in 1868, Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, General Order No. 11, proclaimed Memorial Day.

“A lot of people think Memorial Day is just a day of sales at stores, and news reporters claim it is the beginning of summer,” Riley said, “Thank you for being here. You have not forgotten the true meaning of Memorial Day. God Bless you, our Soldiers and God bless America.”

Justin Hayes, representative of Sen. Barbara Mikulski, read a statement for the senator who could not attend the ceremony.

“We join thousands of people across the nation to honor those who sacrificed their lives so our country could be free,” Hayes said. “They left good jobs and their Families to serve our country. Thank you to those who celebrate the true meaning of Memorial Day. Know that as long as I [Mikulski] work in the Senate those veterans who served our country will be taken care of and will be in the forefront.”

Another segment of the ceremony featured presidents of Corpus Christi Council, Harford County Memorial VFW Post 5337 and American Legion Post 17 Ladies Auxiliaries placing wreaths at the cemetery entrance while the attendees watched solemnly in silence.

Then the attendees bowed their heads as Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company 143rd Ordnance Battalion fired a salute and Sgt. 1st Class Robert Bauerle played “Taps.”

At the end of the ceremony, Baird read a poem, “I Knew You Once,” by World War II combat crew member Scott Aylesworth.



Rueben Swords, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Harford County Memorial VFW Post 5337, salutes while the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) plays the Service Medley during the May 28 Memorial Day ceremony.

After the ceremony, attendees gathered at the American Legion Post 17 for a reception where a plaque and certificates of appreciation were presented to Wright and the band.

Wright thanked the attendees for their support and said that APG will continue the Memorial Day ceremony with the veterans, boy scouts and cub scouts.

Bob Dorsey, past commander of Post 17, said he has been coordinating the Memorial Day ceremony for the past 13 years.

“This is a special day for all of us,” Dorsey said. “We are celebrating the courage of veterans from all the armed forces.”

Seeing the turnout of 150 to 200 people each year at the event makes him proud, he said.

In addition, he thanked Wright, Colon and the band for their participation.

The ceremony was one of three for Chuck Merritt, a member of VFW 5337 and a Vietnam veteran. Merritt said he attended one at Fells Point earlier that morning and was going to Delaney Valley for another one later in the day.

“These ceremonies really make you feel good,” he said. “Some of these fellows did not come back from the war and what little bit I can do to remember them and honor them is just a small sacrifice for what they did for us,” Merritt said.

“This is a great way to pay tribute to our past fallen comrades,” added Staff Sgt. William Doucette, an instructor/writer for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion. “I am grateful for all of the past and present Soldiers who have sacrificed their lives for our freedom.”

Other attendees of the ceremony were Knights of Columbus, St. Francis Xavier Assembly Fourth Degree Color Corp; Knights of Columbus, Corpus Christi Council 6188, Veterans of Foreign Wars Harford County Memorial Post 5337; Edgewood American Legion, Service Post 17; Sons of the American Legion Service Post 17, Boy Scout Troop 802, Aberdeen and Cub Scout Pack 651, Edgewood.

APG renews commitment to Harford County youths during partnership signing

Story by
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APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground and Harford County Public Schools renewed an ongoing commitment to join forces to enhance the education of its students during the Partners in Education signing agreement at the Harford County Board of Education building in Bel Air May 24.

Eileen Campbell, APG school liaison, hosted the ceremony that included the posting and retiring of colors by the 143rd Ordnance Battalion color guard and remarks by Col. John T. Wright, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander and Col. Bobby Towery, commander of the 61st Ordnance Brigade, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School.

Campbell noted that the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center and the Joint Personal Effects Depot were two recent additions to the ongoing partnerships, and that the JPED had partnered with the only non-public school, St. Joan of Arc in Aberdeen.

“Interest and emphasis on technology and security will be important to our children, and our Soldiers, Marines and Airmen can serve as great role models,” Campbell said.

Michelle Shaivitz, coordinator of partnerships for student achievement, also offered closing remarks after Jacqueline C. Haas, superintendent of schools, and Towery signed initial agreements between HCPS and the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools.

Towery represented Brig. Gen. Rebecca S. Halstead who was unable to attend the ceremony.

Altogether nine agreements between APG organizations and Harford County schools



Photo courtesy of TAMMY WRIGHT
1st Lt. Robin Eskelson, left, Joint Personal Effects Depot, chats with from right, Tammy Wright of St. Joan of Arc School and her daughters Allison, 15, and Abby, 12, after the three delivered door decorations and other artwork to staff members at the JPED.

were renewed or initiated. In addition to the ECBC and JPED agreements, the remaining military entities came from OC&S/OMMS organizations. The representatives included the following:

Aberdeen High School, represented by Thomas M. Szerensits and the OC&S command and staff department represented by Maj. Gregory D. Stallings

Edgewood Middle School, represented by Joseph A. Schmitz and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade represented by Capt. Joseph Grabia

Aberdeen Middle School, represented by Chandra P. Krantz and the OMMS Noncommissioned Officer Academy represented by Command Sgt. Maj. Eric Williams

Edgewood Middle School, represented by Wayne Perry and the 143rd Ordnance Battalion represented by Maj. George E. Davis

Roye-Williams Elementary School, represented by Susan Osborn and the 16th Ordnance

Battalion represented by Lt. Col. Karen Jordan

Churchville Elementary School represented by Martha Elliott and the U.S. Marine Corps Detachment, OMMS, represented by Maj. Steven Skirnick

Harford County Public Schools, represented by Dr. Jacqueline C. Haas and Michelle Shaivitz and the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools and Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School represented by Towery.

Towery praised Campbell for being the “heart and soul of the program,” and said that the OC&S and OMMS were happy to expand their programs to include newcomers, the OC&S staff and USMC Detachment.

“We’re broadening our whole program for the entire brigade to go out and support your events,” Towery said. “This is a great partnership. The reason we do it is because [all of you] care. You are part of what makes the Army ‘Army Strong.’”

Shaivitz thanked the community for the “healthy and growing partnership.”

“I know everyone here has their heart and soul in the right place,” she said. “We are building a strong partnership for ourselves and our children.”

Baker noted that the ECBC agreement was unique in that it includes all Harford County schools instead of just one.

“Kids in Chemistry is our most active program and a volunteer tutoring program began by ECBC years ago,” Baker said.

Kids & Chemistry is an educational outreach program developed by the American Chemical Society in 1994 to give scientists the resources and training necessary to share hands-on-science with school children ages 9 to 12. The goal of the program is to show children that science and chemistry are part of everyday life; science and scientists make contributions to everyday life; and that scientists are people too.

Baker credited ECBC

See PARTNERSHIP, page 13

IMCOM 2008 Mentoring Program application period closes June 11

Story by
MARY TANZER
IMCOM

U.S. Army Installation Management Command has announced that applications for the fiscal year 2008 Centralized Mentoring Program will be accepted through June 11.

Employees who are GS-11 through GS-13, or equivalents, may apply to be matched with senior leaders for a one-year mentoring partnership. Applications will be accepted from personnel covered by the National Security Personnel System whose positions are equivalent to GS-11 through GS-13 positions.

Mentees complete a one-week shadow assignment, stretch assignments, eLearning courses and regular meetings with their mentors.

The Mentoring Program is designed to develop high-potential employees into well-rounded managers at the middle or senior level by preparing them to assume higher levels of responsibility. Headquarters IMCOM centrally funds the competitive program.

Senior leader volunteer mentors also are being solicited. A number of IMCOM senior leaders will be selected as mentors and matched with selected mentees. Mentors participating in the program report gaining from their mentor service. They are motivated to review their own goals and professional courses of action as they set the example for their mentees.

Applications require supervisor’s approval, and garrison applicants require endorsement from the garrison commander or manager or the deputy garrison commander. Region applicants require an endorsement from region director or designee. Applicants at Headquarters IMCOM must obtain their supervisor’s and division chief’s approval.

Announcements and application forms are at <http://www.imcom.army.mil/site/hr/wfdhcmp.asp>.

Send applications by mail or e-mail to the IMCOM mentoring program manager, Mary Tanzer, by June 11. Contact Tanzer at 703-602-5487 or Defense Switched Network 332-5487, or e-mail Mary.Tanzer@hqda.army.mil for more information.

Applicants selected for the program will attend a two-day orientation in October.



MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Travel options explored at MWR Travel Fair



Denise Harbaugh of Busch Gardens, left, tells an Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldier about the amusement park's Military Appreciation Summer events during the Leisure Travel Services Travel Fair at Top of the Bay May 10.

Story and photo by
YVONNE JOHNSON
APG News

Dozens of Aberdeen Proving Ground service members, employees, guests and Family members took in what the region has to offer in rest and relaxation during the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command's Leisure Travel Services Travel Fair held at Top of the Bay May 10.

Vendors from throughout the region displayed several choice options for individual, group or Family enjoyment.

Stacie Umbarger, Leisure Travel Services, said the Travel Fair was moved to Top of the Bay from the Recreation Center for customer convenience.

"We're closer to our customers here," Umbarger said. "This makes it easier for people to get to us and see all

the travel and entertainment options we have available."

The fair featured a guest appearance by the Oriole Bird, who signed autographs and posed with guests.

"The Baltimore Orioles want everyone to come out for its Family Day and Joint Services Picnic to be held on August twelfth," said Orioles account executive Jacqueline Lee Olup. "Army units will be pass-

ing out flags, providing a color guard and throwing out the first pitch," Olup said. "It should be a great patriotic experience."

In addition several Family-oriented events are planned throughout the season like 'Run-the-Bases Night' for children as well as special give-a-ways, she added.

"Be sure and check the Orioles Web site, www.baltimoreorioles.com, for special promotions. "Get your tickets from Leisure Travel and come on out and have a great time at The Yard," she said.

Kristen Pohl, group sales coordinator with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, said that music fans should check out the summer concerts at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall and at the Oregon Ridge Nature Center in Cockeysville.

"A lot of our shows are interactive for our younger listeners," Pohl said. "Oregon Ridge is a great option for Families to listen to good music in a relaxed atmosphere."

Newcomers to the fair included Berkley Spring Cottage Rentals which offered getaway vacation solutions in one to five-bedroom cottages located in West Virginia's Shenandoah Valley, just off Interstate 70.

"The best part about Berkley is no matter where you're situated you're surrounded by

beautiful nature," said Berkley co-owner Stephanie Rebant.

Berkley offers government discounts and is located near two state parks, a wildlife management area and several resorts and spas.

An Army veteran, along with her husband Ryan, Rebant said she started the business with her mother seven years ago.

"We try to offer the best services to the military and people just love it here," she said. "We started with two cabins, and we have 85 now, so come on up and get to know the best part of West Virginia."

Families looking for fun rides, entertainment and good food should come to Busch Gardens, said Denise Harbaugh, public outreach specialist.

Located in Williamsburg, Va., the giant amusement park features several rides like the new "Griffon" rollercoaster which takes riders up 205 feet then drops them straight down at 70 miles per hour, shows, restaurants and the Summer Nights concert series. Season passes are available through Leisure Travel Services.

In addition, the summer of 2007 is the Military Appreciation Summer at Busch Gardens, Harbaugh said.

Mary Jo Sweeney manned the USAA booth. She said she mostly chatted with USAA

members and eligible members to make sure they were aware of the company's full line of services.

"They were surprised to see we now offer a cruise travel service," Sweeney said. "Members are always happy to see us," she added. "Especially those facing their first PCS [permanent change of station] or deployment."

Other displays included Medieval Times, the Maryland National Zoo, Cecil and Carroll County tour representatives and the B&O Railroad Museum. Local hotels like the Courtyard at Hunt Valley and Hunt Valley Inn also sent representatives.

2nd Lt. Genevieve Harper, a student with the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' Officer Basic Course, said she attended the fair to look for things for her and her classmates to do on weekends.

"We've been trying to do some sight seeing because we're sponsoring one of the Egyptian Soldiers [in our class]," Harper said.

A single mom from the Alaska National Guard, Harper said she has been mobilized and is preparing to deploy to Iraq in August.

"I'm surprised by all the things there are to do here," she said. "I hope we can find the time."

Activities/Events

Discount soccer tickets

In honor of Armed Forces Appreciation Day, discount Major League Soccer tickets are available. Soccer teams DC United vs. Chicago Fire, 7:30 p.m., June 16, will take place at RFK Stadium. Tickets cost \$15 per person. The deadline to purchase tickets is June 8.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call or stop by MWR Leisure Travel Services, APG North Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail MWR_Leisuretravel@apg.army.mil or visit Web site www.apgmwr.com.

Do-it-yourself New York City tours

MWR has scheduled several trips to New York City – eight hours for sightseeing, shopping, to see a Broadway matinee, venture into China Town and more.

Trips will take place June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20 or Nov. 17. Cost of the trip is \$40 per person. The bus will depart 8:25 a.m. and will return 10:30 p.m. Open to all DoD card holders.

For more information or to register, call or visit MWR Leisure Travel Services, APG North Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907

or e-mail MWR_LeisureTravel@apg.army.mil.

APG holds Talent Show

A Talent Show will be held June 23, at the APG North Recreation Center, 6:30 p.m.; doors open 6 p.m. The event is open to the public.

Tickets cost \$5 for active duty military, \$7 for non-military.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit MWR registration, APG North, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or APG South, Hoyle Gymnasium, building E4210, 410-436-3375/7134.

New York City Liberty Tour

On July 7 cruise aboard the famous Circle Line cruise ship down Manhattan harbor to the Statue of Liberty for the best view in the city. Following the cruise, enjoy lunch on the coach touring famous and not-so-famous New York sights narrated by a professional and friendly step on guide. Then explore and shop in midtown Manhattan. Shop for souvenirs, browse at Macy's or stroll Times Square. Cost of the trip is \$90 per person and includes roundtrip transportation, cruise and lunch.

Deadline for registration is June 22. The bus will depart 7:20 a.m. and return 9:30 p.m. For more information or to

purchase tickets, visit MWR registration, APG North, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or Hoyle Gymnasium, APG South, building E4210, 410-436-3375/7134.

See the Wiggles

See Sam, Murray, Jeff and Anthony in "Racing to the Rainbow," 3 p.m., Aug. 10, at the Baltimore 1st Mariner Arena. Tickets for \$29.75 are located in 200 level.

For more information, call MWR Leisure Travel Services, APG Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907, or e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil.

Aberdeen Ironbirds tickets

Tickets are available for the following Aberdeen Ironbirds games:

- Williamsport Crosscutters, 7:05 p.m., July 11,
- Staten Island Yankees (Military Appreciation Night), 7:05 p.m., Aug. 16,
- Oneonta Tigers, 7:05 p.m., Sept. 6

Tickets cost \$13.50 per person and include a complimentary Ironbirds hat.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call MWR Leisure Travel Services at APG North Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@apg.army.mil or visit Web site www.apgmwr.com.

Racquetball Tournament

A Start of Summer Racquetball Tournament will be held 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., June 23, at the Athletic Center, building 3300. The tournament is limited to ages 18 and over. There will be a round robin tournament with men's and women's divisions for players in A-advanced, B-intermediate, C-beginners and Open-not sure categories. Cost of entry is \$5 for active duty and \$10 for all others. Trophies will be awarded to the top three in each division (determined by win or loss percentage). Military personnel with training in the morning should contact the tournament director prior to the registration deadline date for special scheduling.

Registration deadline is June 21.

For more information or to register, call MWR Leisure Travel, building 3326, 410-278-4011/4907, e-mail mwr-registration@apg.army.mil, or visit www.apgmwr.com.

Registering for Challenger Soccer Camp

Challenger Sports' British soccer camps are the largest camps in the U.S. The camp includes individual skill development, professional British coaching staff, programs for all levels, daily world cup style tournament, free soccer ball,

free T-shirt and a bonus British soccer Jersey if youths register 45 days before the camp.

Soccer Camp is scheduled for July 23 through 27.

Camp for ages 4 and 5 will be held 8:30 to 10 a.m., and costs \$72 per child; ages 6 through 14 will be held 10:10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and costs \$102 per child. Camp will be held

at the Youth soccer field (APG North) on Bayside Drive.

For registration, go to www.challengersports.com and click on find a camp, click on type of camp (British Soccer camps) type in the APG zip code (21005) and click on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297.

Sports

Upcoming golf events

Senior Golf Special

Ruggles Golf Course is offering a Senior Golf Special to golfers age 55 or older: play Monday through Thursday until 2:30 p.m. for \$33. This special may not be used with any other discounts. Tee time registration is recommended.

For more information, call 410-278-4794 or e-mail david.correll@us.army.mil.

Ruggles to hold Super Senior Tournament

A Super Senior Tournament will be held at Ruggles Golf Course June 11, with a 9 a.m. start. The \$49 entry fee includes range balls, cart, continental breakfast, lunch and prizes.

Tournament is open to all golfers age 60 or older.

There will be a Men's and Ladies Division. Tournament will be flighted according to handicap. Entrants must have USGA handicap to enter.

Register in the Pro Shop at Ruggles or call 410-278-4794.

Summer Scramble

Ruggles Golf Course will hold a Summer Scramble open to all golfers, July 21 with an 8 a.m. start. Entry fee costs \$30 for annual patrons, \$45 for authorized patrons with a value card, and \$55 for guests and includes range balls, cart, hot dog with soda on turn, appetizers with beverages and prizes.

For more information or to register, call 410-278-4794, or visit the Pro Shop at Ruggles.

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APG 90th Anniversary
Dawning of a new era in APG's 90-year history

**90th Anniversary Celebration
Calendar of Events**

(All dates are subject to change and weather conditions.)

June

- 11, Ruggles Super Senior Tournament, age 60 and older, MWR, Ruggles Golf Course, 410-278-9452

July

- 26, Army Community Service Birthday Picnic, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

August

- TBA

September

- 29, Army Concert Tour

October

- TBA

November

- 10, APG 90th Anniversary Gala, Ripken Stadium, 7 to 11 p.m., for more information, call 410-278-1150
- 15, Military Family Movie, ACS, 410-278-4372, 6 to 9 p.m.

December

- 5, ACS Christmas Party/Tree Lighting Ceremony, 410-278-4372, 6 to 9 p.m.

(Editor's note: This calendar will be updated as necessary. New or changed items will appear in italic bold print.)

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials Building 2342

Week of June 4

Special #1: Nine wing dings or WZ, French fries, one cookie and soda for \$5.85 (No mixing wings).

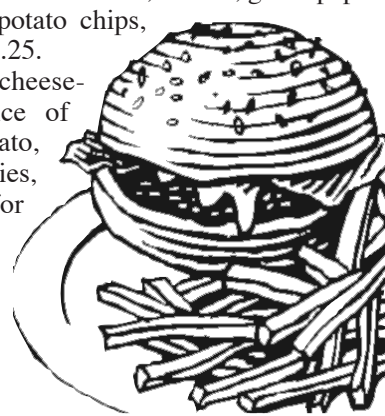
Special #2: Grilled cheese and garden salad, one cookie and soda for \$3.35.

Week of June 11

Special #1: Chicken filet salad, chicken filet served on bed of lettuce, tomato, pickle on the side, onions, green peppers, cucumbers, cheese, potato chips, one cookie and soda for \$5.25.

Special #2: Double cheese-burger with bacon, choice of mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onions, French fries, one cookie and soda for \$6.95.

For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.





FDA warning on mislabeled monkfish

Fish believed to be puffer fish; contains deadly toxin

FDA

The Food and Drug Administration is warning consumers not to buy or eat imported fish ‘labeled’ as monkfish, which actually may be puffer fish, containing a potentially deadly toxin called tetrodotoxin.

Eating puffer fish that contain this potent toxin can result in serious illness or death.

Tetrodotoxin is not destroyed by common food preparation or storage, such as cooking or freezing. Monkfish do not contain tetrodotoxin.

The product was imported and distributed by Hong Chang Corp., Santa Fe Springs, Calif.

Consumers concerned that they

may have purchased this fish should contact their retailer and ask if the product was received from Hong Chang Corp.

The product should not be eaten, it should be thrown away. Care should be exercised in handling the fish, as the tetrodotoxin may be present on the skin and flesh of the fish. Consumers should wash hands thoroughly after handling the fish.

Two people in the Chicago area became ill after consuming homemade soup containing the fish. One was hospitalized due to severe illness.

The FDA’s analysis of the fish confirmed the presence of potentially life-threatening levels of

tetrodotoxin.

Initial symptoms of tetrodotoxin poisoning occur 30 minutes to several hours after food containing the toxin is consumed. Tetrotoxin poisoning is characterized initially by tingling of the lips and tongue. Tingling of the face and extremities and numbness follow. Subsequent symptoms may include headache, balance problems, excessive salivation, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal pain. Consumers experiencing these symptoms should seek immediate medical care and are encouraged to report their illness to local health authorities. In severe cases, muscles can become paralyzed, and death may follow from

respiratory muscle paralysis.

A total of 282 22-pound boxes labeled as monkfish were distributed to wholesalers in Illinois, California and Hawaii beginning in September 2006. These fish were then sold to restaurants or sold in stores.

In one instance, the retailer labeled the fish as “bok,” the Korean name for puffer fish.

The white 22-pound boxes were labeled in black ink. One box panel is labeled as: “FROZEN MONKFISH GUTTED AND HEAD-OFF” and “PRODUCT OF CHINA.” A second panel bears nutritional facts and the following: “Ingredients: Monk fish; Imported by: Hong Chang Corp, Santa

Fe Springs, CA 90670; Product of China (P.R.C.).” A third panel has a checkbox indicating the size as either “0.5-1” or “1-2” and shows the net weight as 22 pounds. There are no manufacturing codes on the box. The fish in the box are individually wrapped in plastic bags with no labeling.

FDA allows puffer fish to be imported into the United States only under strict provisions that minimize the risk of the toxin being present in the fish.

The recalled fish were not imported in compliance with those restrictions.

The FDA is examining all entries from the Chinese supplier and will take additional action, if warranted.

Alcohol Abuse Prevention Campaign creates a buzz

DoD Military Health System

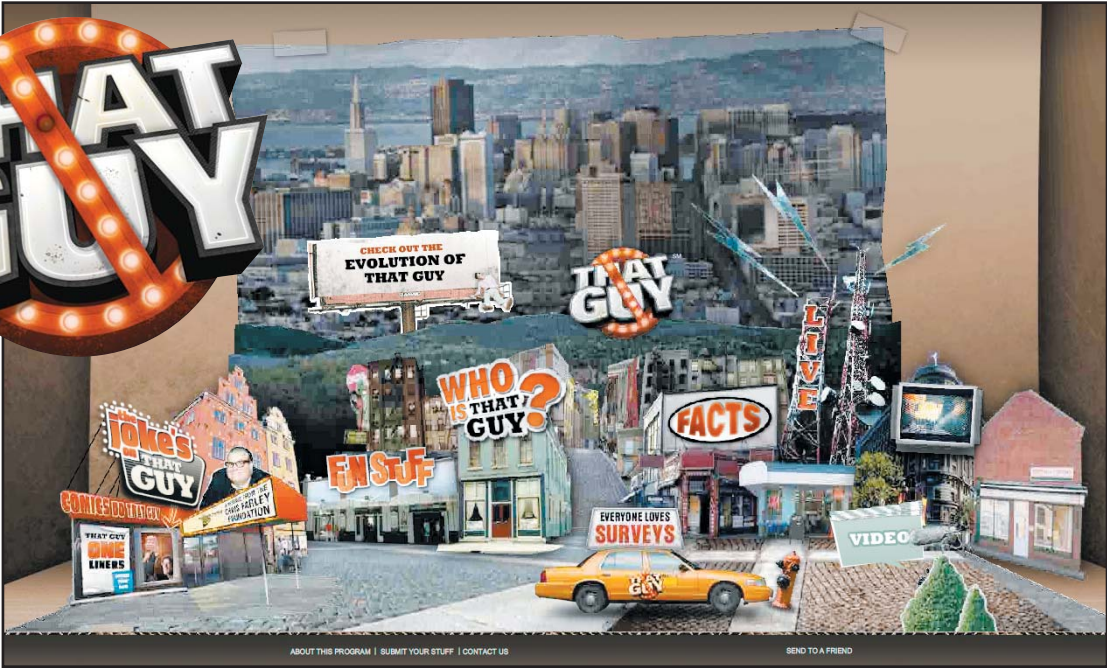
Have a touch of sloberous sweatoomuch? It’s not a new disease, but it may be a symptom of “That Guy” syndrome. A Department of Defense funded peer-to-peer campaign to increase awareness of the problems associated with overindulging in alcohol has a Webby Award winning Web site at www.thatguy.com, and some impressive test results to go with it.

“This has primarily been a ‘stealth’ campaign to reach our target audience where they live, work and play,” said Army Maj. Gen. Elder Granger, TRICARE deputy director. “‘That Guy’ is intended to create awareness of the problems associated with excessive drinking through humorous messages designed to reach youngservice members through a unique peer-to-peer approach – rather than from the top down.”

The Webby Award and growing interest in the campaign is literally forcing “That Guy” into the limelight.

The www.thatguy.com Web site, designed by consultant Fleishman-Hillard Inc. after extensive research, won a Webby Award from among five finalists in the health Web site category. Other competitors included www.webMD.com, a popular and widely used health information site. Webby’s are similar to Oscars, only for the Internet. A panel of celebrities and industry experts determined the 2007 winners from more than 8,000 nominations received worldwide.

The “That Guy” alcohol counter marketing effort is a key element in TRICARE’s Healthy Choices campaign,



which also tackles the issues of obesity and smoking. “That Guy” has captured the attention of organizations ranging from the New York City Police Department, to universities and colleges, to the Air Force Air Mobility Command. Media attention has come from the New York Times and the Portland Oregonian.

The campaign does push a few boundaries and even has a page on www.myspace.com. Users of www.thatguy.com can click around in a landscape of bars with cardboard cutouts of joke tellers and “That Guy” evolutionary stages such as “brainmaximus,” “motorskills-notworkmuch” and of course “sloberous sweatoomuch.” MTV-style man-on-the-street interviews with “That Guy” observers and even “That Guy” war stories can be found on the site. On the serious side, the site also has advice on where to go for help if a service member thinks he or she might be “That Guy.”

In addition to the Web site, “That Guy” messages were used on advertising on bill-

boards, newspapers, and TV and radio at four test sites: Fort Bragg, Pope Air Force Base, and Camp LeJeune, N.C., and at Pensacola Naval Air Station, Fla. Drink coasters with humorous messages and small posters designed to hang in offices and dorms were also an integral part of the campaign at the test sites.

“Oddly enough, preliminary surveys showed that even though great awareness was achieved through the peer-to-peer approach, it also worked very well if commanders were supportive of the effort, without forcing the message,” Granger said. “In fact, awareness was notably higher where there was leadership support.”

Air Force wing and unit commanders who stood at base gates handing out “That Guy” beer coasters to service members, or the Marine general officer who encouraged “pushing the boundaries of good taste” if it helps get the attention of young Marines, were just a couple of examples of senior leadership support efforts.

The videos and campaign promotional materials on the award-winning “That Guy” Web site will soon be made available for downloading to installation Safety, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention, and Health Promotion points of contact and the campaign will expand to more test sites. A That Guy public service video can currently be viewed at http://www.tricare.mil/pressroom/press_psa.aspx. The “That Guy” Logo is available for download at http://www.tricare.mil/pressroom/press_artwork.aspx. A higher resolution is available by contacting 703-681-1765.

Since peer intervention at the time of alcohol consumption is a key factor, the intent is still to keep “That Guy” a peer-to-peer campaign as much as possible.

“However, if commanders want to adopt the campaign as it expands,” said Granger, “their support will be valuable in helping us influence young service members to think before they drink – and not become ‘That Guy.’”

New Defense Web site supports patient safety

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The Department of Defense Patient Safety Program has a new Web site, <http://dodpatientsafety.usuhs.mil>, serving as a comprehensive, one-stop source of information to military and civilian patient safety administrators and health care providers.

“The Web site perfectly supports our mission,” said Army Col. Steven Grimes, director of the DoD Patient Safety Program. “It provides products, services and training to help ensure the safe delivery of health care to Military Health System beneficiaries.”

The new patient safety Web site provides pamphlets, posters and other information products that encourage a systems approach to creating a safer patient environment and foster trust, transparency, teamwork and communication.

The site offers critical information, training resources, educational materials and data analysis to help patient safety personnel achieve significant success in improving patient safety. And as Grimes said, ‘this is only the beginning.’

“Future Web site enhancements will allow it to function as a portal, bringing all safety-related information together in one place. Hospital and clinic safety managers, patient safety officers, nursing and medical staff, and everyone committed to improving safety will want to explore the site,” Grimes said.

The site also offers valuable insight into DoD’s Team-STEPPS™ medical team training program, which is now available to civilian medical facilities.

The Military Health System developed Team Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety, or Team-STEPPS™ to improve the culture of patient safety in hospitals and other health care settings. This research-based system presents tools for team training, coaching and change management to improve communication, reduce medical error and create a culture of safety within health care facilities.

KUSAHC Shots

JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO RELAX?

There will be a Relaxation Class offered at the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic in the Readiness Training Center, 5 to 6 p.m., June 20, led by Margaret Nahrgang. The new time makes it more convenient to attend the class right after work. “Different techniques will be taught, as well as ways to recognize your stress triggers and learn how to calm

yourself when life seems to be coming at you in full force,” Nahrgang said. The class will meet the third Wednesday of the month and can accommodate 15 patients. Participants should wear casual clothing and bring an exercise mat. For more information, call Nahrgang, 410-459-7583, after 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.



Commentary: The head bone really is connected to the neck bone

The end of cavities--or maybe not quite

By
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The end of caries [decay] is upon us. Or so it was thought some three or four decades ago when it was discovered what a profound effect fluoride had on the resistance of teeth to the caries process.

But here it is 2007 and caries remains the most common infectious childhood disease in the United States.

Yes, the incidence has certainly decreased significantly. But more importantly there has been a shift in the profile of caries.

That shift has occurred primarily in four directions. One is in surfaces. Smooth surface decay has declined much more than it has in pits and fissures. Enamel (the outer layer of hard tooth structure) resistance to decay is greater than that of the dentin (the inner layer of hard tooth structure). That resistance gap has been widened significantly via fluoride’s most profound effect, that of a topical agent. This has produced somewhat of a diagnostic dilemma.

We frequently encounter a phe-

nomenon being called “hidden caries,” or what I like to refer to as the “reverse mushroom” effect. Think of an upside down mushroom. We see what appears to be, at most, a stained pit or fissure. We then explore that area and encounter an expanding and significant area of caries in the dentin.

Two is that a shift has occurred to the lower socio-economic groups. It has been stated in some of the literature that 75 percent of the caries occurs in 25 percent of the population. Certainly if you practice in a working class town or the Army Dental Corps, such as I do, you are still seeing patients suffering from rampant caries.

Third we see an increase in root surface caries. This has occurred, of course in response to an aging population that is keeping its’ teeth. The “baby boomers” are hanging on to their dentition. Thus we see an increase in age and medical related conditions that lead to periodontal disease (ex. Diabetes). From this we get bone loss and exposed root structure. Combine that with an extensive array of medications for everything from allergies to depression to diabetes and you get

a population that has serious problems with Xerostomia (dry mouth).

Fourth we see the breakdown of many of the old fillings placed long ago during the “high cavity” years, and we are faced with significant amounts of recurrent decay.

Cancer, the oral kind

Although it may not seem so, significant improvements have been made in the five-year survival of most forms of cancer. This does not hold true for oral cancer.

For nearly 40 years the five-year survival rate for this deadly disease has hovered around 50 percent.

The problem is in early detection. In the early, curable stages, this cancer is either extremely difficult to see or it mimics many other benign conditions.

Biopsies tend not to be ordered until what turns out to be a later stage. This is by no means intended to excuse the dental profession.

Improvements in techniques and aids for early detection have been emerging. The pace of the technological improvements has quickened in recent years, but much more needs to be done.

The survival rate can be dramati-

cally improved with the widespread adoption of some of these newer early detection aids. The surgical attempts to save these lives could also be far less disfiguring.

Inflammation--beyond oral borders

In health care, especially that which is preventive, certain factors seem to emerge as a central focus at any given time. Certainly cholesterol has been front and center in this regard.

At times there has been a focus on levels of triglycerides and even some mention of homocysteine.

What’s gaining a great amount of attention now is inflammation. There is a growing body of evidence that excessive amounts of inflammation contribute to a number of systemic problems, among them cardiac, respiratory and obstetric. The term being used is “The Total Inflammatory Burden,” and there are a number of sources of that total burden.

One of those significant sources is oral infection, especially periodontal. The low grade chronic nature of periodontal disease makes the oral cavity a major portal of entry for infection

and the excessive inflammatory infiltrate that comes along with it.

“The head bone’s connected to the...”

So begins the little jingle we used to sing when we were kids. With evidence tracing bacteria and inflammatory cells from the oral cavity back to plaques in diseased coronary arteries. With studies showing improved arterial function following the treatment of periodontal disease; with insurance companies providing coverage for the treatment of periodontal disease to their pregnant patients; with children, two recently, dying of complications from dental caries; with patients, many, dying from oral cancer; and with the emerging science of Oral/Systemic Medicine, the days of cutting off the mouth from the rest of the body should be over.

We should be entering an era when there is unprecedented cooperation among all segments of the health care system for the best treatment of our patients.

The jingle our parents taught us was right after all. The head bone really is connected to the neck bone.

APG community policing officer conducts Click It or Ticket outreach program at CDC



Photo by DARLENE FORD, CDC
Four-year-old Caelie Bratcher, right, gives 3-year-old Nia Webb a beaver stuffed animal wearing a shirt that says "Buckle Up Wood Ya" during an Aberdeen Proving Ground community police Click It or Ticket outreach program May 30 at the APG North Child Development Center.

Story by
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Three children served as honorary police officers May 30 at the Aberdeen Proving Ground North Child Development Center as part of the APG community policing unit's Click It or Ticket outreach program.

Click It or Ticket is a national public safety campaign to encourage seat belt use while driving or riding in a car.

Officer "Big Mike" Farlow, community policing/crime prevention specialist detective, designated 7-year-old Xiara Long, CDC children 5-year-old Lanae Tipton and 4-year-old Caelie Bratcher as the honorary police officers.

Wearing orange police vests, the girls distributed beaver stuffed animals with shirts that read 'Buckle Up Wood Ya,' buckle up hearts and Click It or Ticket pamphlets to arriving children and parents. They also distributed "friendly" mock citations as a reminder for parents to buckle up.

Farlow also brought Chopper the Crime Stopper, the bulldog D.A.R.E.

mascot, to see the children.

"The kids were very excited and enthused to be police officers for the day," Farlow said, adding that sending the message of using seatbelts to the children at an early age "gets safety engraved in their minds and teaches them good habits."

Darlene Ford, assistant director of the APG North Child Development Center, said the event was memorable for both children and their parents.

"Thanks to Farlow, the children were able to stress automobile safety through the use of seatbelts by issuing citations that required a payment of three hugs and four kisses," Ford said. "It was wonderful to see positive reinforcement used by the 'junior officers' versus the typical fine for noncompliance."

Click It or Ticket

Each year APG police join other law enforcement agencies in spreading the message of Click It or Ticket, Farlow said.

The police departments conduct awareness programs and seat belt surveys for the Maryland Chief's

Challenge, a competition to see which department is most proactive.

APG police conduct two seatbelt surveys 30 days apart, Farlow said.

APG agencies are welcome to conduct self-initiated surveys for the Click It or Ticket campaign, Farlow said.

Employees can sit in the parking lot an hour before work and make note of how many people arrive wearing their seat belts, Farlow said.

Employees can pick up survey forms at the police station and need to turn them in by July 10 for the challenge.

Departments with seatbelt usage reports of 92 percent or higher will receive a certificate signed by Gov. Martin O'Malley, Farlow said.

The APG police department received participation awards in the last two years for the challenge, he said.

Those who have any questions about how to become involved with the program can contact the APG Traffic Section, 410-278-2744, or Farlow, 410-278-3609.



Legally Speaking



Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/installation/Staff_Judge/index.html

Protecting service members from predatory lending practices

Story by
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Recent changes to federal law have provided service members two new shields against predatory lending practices.

The Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act, Public Law No. 109-290, online at <http://www.govtrack.us/data/us/bills.text/109/s/s418.pdf>, was signed by the president on Sept. 29, 2006. Its significant provisions include a ban on the sale of "periodic payment plans" and a requirement for securities brokers and dealers operating on military installations to conspicuously" disclose to potential investors that the securities being marketed are NOT being sold on behalf of the federal government.

What is a periodic payment plan?

According to the Securities and Exchange Commission, a "periodic payment plan" is the legal name

for an investment that might also be referred to as a "contractual plan" or "systematic investment plan."

Periodic payment plans allow investors to accumulate shares of a mutual fund indirectly by contributing a fixed, often small amount of money on a regular basis.

Many of these plans are sold to military personnel. Periodic payment plans, however, do not provide any special benefits to military personnel, nor are military personnel required to participate in the plans.

Why prohibit them?

An investor will almost certainly lose money if withdrawing or terminating the plan during the first few years of the plan, unless the investor is eligible for a full refund. This is because most plans require a sales charge of up to 50 percent of the first 12 monthly investments. There would need to be extraordinary investment returns to recoup those fees and begin to realize a profit. See SEC Web site,

<http://www.sec.gov/investor/pubs/perpayplans.htm>.

The MPFSFA Act also requires securities brokers and dealers operating on military installations to perform an "appropriate" determination as to whether the product is a suitable purchase for the prospective military buyer.

This provision amends 15 United States Code Section 78o-3(b), Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/html/uscode15/uscode_sec_15_00000078---o003-.html).

The National Defense Authorization Act for 2007 was also recently passed, Public Law No: 109-364., Oct 17, 2006, available online at <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h109-5122>. In section 607, the Authorization Act limits a creditor who extends consumer credit to military personnel and their dependants to charging an annual interest rate not greater than 36

percent.

The Authorization Act also requires creditors to make extensive disclosures about the terms of the interest being charged.

Military personnel and their dependants living in Maryland are already benefiting from an even more protective Maryland law.

Maryland law generally limits the interest rate charged on "pay day" type loans to an annual interest rate not greater than 33 percent. The relevant Maryland Civil Code section, Title 12, credit regulations, Section 12-306, is available online at <http://198.187.128.12/maryland/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=fs-main.htm&t=2.0>.

The impetus for many of these new federal protections was Congress' determination that members of the armed forces are being targeted for predatory lending practices and offered high cost securities and life insurance products by some

financial services companies engaging in abusive and misleading sales practices.

As an example, Congress noted that one securities product offered to service members, a product known as the "mutual fund contractual plan," largely disappeared from the civilian market in the 1980s due to excessive sales charges. With a mutual fund contractual plan, Congress noted, a 50 percent sales commission is assessed against the first year of contributions, despite an average commission on other securities products of less than 6 percent on each sale.

More details can be found in a report that the Department of Defense presented a report to Congress on "Predatory Lending Practices Directed at Members of the Armed Forces and Their Dependents" on Aug. 9, 2006, available online at http://www.defenselink.mil/pubs/pdfs/Report_to_Congress_final.pdf.

IRS warns taxpayers of new e-mail scams

IRS

The Internal Revenue Service alerted taxpayers to the latest versions of an e-mail scam intended to fool people into believing they are under investigation by the agency's Criminal Investigation Division May 31.

The e-mail purporting to be from IRS Criminal Investigation falsely states that the person is under a criminal probe for submitting a false tax return to the California Franchise Board. The e-mail seeks to entice people to click on a link or open an attachment to learn more information about the complaint against them.

The IRS warns people that the e-mail link and attachment is a Trojan Horse that can take over the person's computer hard drive and allow someone to have remote access to the computer.

The IRS urges people not to click the link in the e-mail or open the attachment.

Similar e-mail variations suggest a customer has filed a complaint against a company and the IRS can act as an arbitrator. The latest versions appear aimed at business taxpayers as

well as individual taxpayers.

The IRS does not send out unsolicited e-mails or ask for detailed personal and financial information. Additionally, the IRS never asks people for the PIN numbers, passwords or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

"Everyone should be aware of these scam artists," said Kevin M. Brown, Acting IRS Commissioner. "Always exercise caution when you receive unsolicited e-mails or e-mails from senders you don't know."

Recipients of questionable e-mails claiming to come from the IRS should not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the e-mails. Instead, they should forward the e-mails to phishing@irs.gov. (The instructions may be found on **IRS.gov** by entering the term "phishing" in the search box).

The IRS also sees other e-mail scams that involve tricking victims into revealing private personal and financial information over the Internet is known as "phishing" for information.

The IRS and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration work with the U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team (US-CERT) and various Internet service providers and international CERT teams to have the phishing sites taken offline as soon as they are reported.

Since the establishment of the mail box last year, the IRS has received more than 17,700 e-mails from taxpayers reporting more than 240 separate phishing incidents. To date, investigations by TIGTA have identified host sites in at least 27 different countries, as well as in the United States.

Other fraudulent e-mail scams try to entice taxpayers to click their way to a fake IRS Web site and ask for bank account numbers. Another widespread e-mail tells taxpayers the IRS is holding a refund (often \$63.80) for them and seeks financial account information. Still another email claims the IRS's 'anti-fraud commission' is investigating their tax returns.

More information is available on **www.IRS.gov**.

New scam targets military spouses

American Forces Press Service

The American Red Cross is warning military spouses about a new identity-theft scam that targets Family members of deployed troops.

The Red Cross was alerted of the scam earlier this month (May), said Devorah Goldburg of the Red Cross.

The scam involves a person with an American accent calling a military spouse, identifying herself as a representative of the Red Cross, and telling the spouse that her husband was hurt in Iraq and was medically evacuated to Germany. The caller then says that doctors can't start treatment until paperwork is completed, and that to start the paperwork they need the spouse to verify her husband's social security number and date of birth.

It is hard to determine how many spouses have been targeted by this scam, Goldburg said, as there are many ways for spouses to report problems like this. However, one confirmed report was enough for the Red Cross to act, she said.

"We know that it happened to one person; it was probably going to happen to others, and we wanted to be prudent and alert people," she said.

American Red Cross representatives typically do not contact military members or dependents directly and almost always go through a commander or first sergeant, according to a Red Cross news release. Military Family members are urged not to give out any personal information over the phone if contacted by unknown individuals, including confirmation that their spouse is deployed.

In addition, Red Cross representatives contact military members or dependents directly only in response to an emergency message initiated by a Family member, the news release said. The Red Cross does not report any type of casualty information to Family members; the Defense Department will contact Families directly about Family members' injuries.

It is a federal crime, punishable by up to five years in prison, for a person to fraudulently pretend to be a member of, or an agent for, the American Red Cross for the purpose of soliciting, collecting, or receiving money or material, according to the news release. Any military Family member that receives such a call is urged to report it to their local Family readiness group or military personnel flight.

Gifts

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Tikrit, Bagram or Mosul."

Any American can leverage AAFES' supply chain on behalf of deployed troops through the "Gifts from the Homefront" program. Started soon after programs that allowed the general public to send mail addressed to "Any Service Member" were cancelled due to security concerns and transportation constraints, AAFES' troop support campaign allows anyone to make a direct and tangible contribution to military morale with a gift certificate that can be redeemed for nearly any-

thing that a specific service member wants.

"It's the foolproof care package," Eaton said. "Whether the service member who receives the gift certificate wants a Military Exchange phone card and a tuna 'lunch to go' or a new DVD and some batteries, the recipient gets support that is tailored to their need. The BX/PX gift certificates are easy and convenient and allow troops to shop for items that are already stocked and in theater."

"Gifts from the Homefront" can be sent to troops deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere overseas by logging on to **www.aafes.org** or calling 877-770-4438. From there, "Gifts

from the Homefront" are sent to individual service members (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any service member" through the Air Force Aid Society, American Red Cross, Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, Fisher House, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Operation Homefront, Operation Interdependence® or USO.

As of April 30, 85,204 "Gifts from the Homefront" gift certificates have been sent since the Department of Defense approved the exchange support campaign in March 2003. More than 23,000 of these have been delivered to service members and their Families via AAFES' eight charitable partners.

Partnership

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employee Suzanne Procell and Denise Doesburg, wife of former APG commander Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, with keeping the program going.

"Suzanne and her team have been to just about every school in Harford County," he said. "They go wherever they're needed."

Lt. Col Louis S. Kilmon, commander, JPED, said that although the partnership is young, Tammy Wright, the garrison commander's wife, has been leading efforts to familiarize St. Joan of Arc students with the JPED, and he thanked Wright for the decorations and artwork the school presented to JPED office workers.

"We gave them a tour two weeks ago but it's still early in the partnership," he said. "We'll see what the needs are and take it from there."

Safety

From front page

AIT students’ stations

Staff Sgt. Darius Brewster, safety noncommissioned officer and instructor development program coordinator, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, manned the weather hazards station.

“Summer storms, hail, wind and tornadoes can come with little or no warning,” Brewster said. “If a tornado is headed your way, get to the lowest level of the building or a basement.”

He also told them that flash floods can happen in areas where it is not raining due to a backup in the drain system, and warned them of hydroplaning while driving.

Sgt. 1st Class Maltise Jones, a drill sergeant for Company C, 16th Ordnance Battalion, taught Soldiers about heat injuries and how to treat them.

Heat cramps and excessive sweating are the first signs of a heat injury, Jones said.

When Soldiers encounter someone suffering from cramps, they should move the person to a shaded area and make sure he or she drinks a whole canteen of water, Jones said.

Heat exhaustion victims experience extreme sweating that doesn’t stop and nausea, he said. To treat heat exhaustion, pour water on the victim and have them drink a whole canteen of water.

“If you have an MRE that has a salt packet in it, take the salt packet and pour it into the canteen for the Soldier to drink,” Jones said. “Loosen the Soldier’s clothes unless the heat injury happens in a chemical area.”

For a heat stroke, dunk the Soldier in water, massage his or her hands and legs, elevate legs and put ice packets under the arm pits, Jones said.

Soldiers learned about harmful effects of insect and snake bites at the Insect Borne Illness/ Snakes station. Staff Sgt. Donald Bowes, Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of Physics and Health, U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, talked to Soldiers about the dangers of venomous snakes, ticks, mosquitoes and scorpions.

“The fat-tailed scorpion is one of the deadliest scorpions in the world and can be found in Iraq,” Bowes said. “Try not to sleep on the ground because this is where scorpions’ habitats are.”

Bowes also told the Soldiers to watch out for sores that don’t heal because this could mean they were bitten by a tick infected with a disease or a spider.

Soldiers were informed about which fire extinguishers work best with different kinds of fire. Doug Farrington, Aberdeen Proving Ground fire inspector, reminded Soldiers to use all exits if they encounter a fire.

Soldiers also learned about how to prevent sports injuries by learning to start with warm ups and end with cool downs. They also learned to make sure they have correct equipment while playing sports such as mouth guards and to replace worn shoes.

Other stations included proper handling of personal protective equipment, personal hygiene, hazardous materials, personally owned vehicle safety, water safety and lawnmower safety.

Senior leaders

Dave Madaras, National Safety Council, spoke to permanent party officers, non-commissioned and warrant officers about highway traffic safety. He discussed risk conditioning, distracted driving, drinking and driving and behavior.

U.S. Army Air Force Maj. Derrick Hamaoka, assistant professor at the Uniformed Services University and a psychiatrist for the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress, talked to leaders about the symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder that include recollections, avoidance and hyperarousal.

“Those who have felt helpless or hopeless when their lives were in danger may be experiencing post traumatic stress disorder,” Hamaoka said.

He said that not everyone that experiences a traumatic situation like a car accident, assault or a combat zone is exposed to PTSD.

“Some of us go through issues and recover from it,” he said. “Other individuals can carry these issues on and experience problems.”

Hamaoka also discussed fears that keep victims in the armed forces from seeking help such as losing the unit and leadership’s confidence and showing a sign of weakness.

He also discussed what Soldiers go through when they come to the Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress.

“The treatment of mental health issues does not always mean taking medications,” he said. “We work with Soldiers as much as we can to solve their issues.”

He said they try to work on issues such as trouble with insomnia before delving into issues like depression.

In addition, Debbie Yohn, a registered nurse from the Shock Trauma Unit of the University of Maryland Medical Center, talked about safety while driving as part of the Positive Alternatives to Dangerous and Destructive Decisions program. She showed pictures of deadly crashes and the patients who survived the accidents.

Yohn told a story about a crash in the Baltimore/Washington area that involved five young adults. The driver was going 100 mph on a back road and crashed into a tree. The driver died, two of the passengers had brain injuries and one had an orthopedic injury. The other passenger did not have any injuries.

“You are young and are in the positions of leadership,” Yohn said. “You have the ability to influence these young Soldiers to make the right decisions. The wrong decisions could take a lifetime away from them.”

The leaders also watched a video full of horror stories from victims who had survived car accidents caused by speeding or drunk drivers.

In addition, Ed Budnick, chief of the APG Fire Department, talked to leaders about the proper 911 reporting procedures and explained what is expected from APG community members to makes these procedures successful.

Joe Davis, chief of APG Police Department’s Traffic Section, gave a seatbelt presentation and discussed the Department of Defense policy on cell phones. Hand-held cell phone use while driving is prohibited on federal installations.

Motorcycle safety

Peter Moe, section chief for Safety Programs of the Maryland Highway Administration, discussed a wide variety of issues concerning motorcycles and young driver safety. He delivered the statewide motorcycle accident analysis and the programs the State of Maryland is implementing to reduce the number of accidents.

Mike Allen, safety and occupational health specialist for the Directorate of Safety Health and Environment’s Installation Safety Division, talked about the motorcycle personal protective equipment requirements on APG.

He discussed the importance of wearing bright colors and reflective gear so that drivers can see them during the day and at night.

Allen also talked about wearing the right helmet and the differences between the full face, half and three-quarter helmets.

He told them about the free training offered on the installation including the basic rider course and the experienced rider course provided to active duty, government employees, retirees, dependents and contractors on APG. After completing the courses, riders will be issued a Motorcycle Safety Foundation Card that will allow them to ride and register their motorcycles on APG. The course is mandatory for anyone who plans to ride a motorcycle on APG.

The students and leaders said they thought Safety Stand Down Day was very beneficial.

“The information that was distributed at the heat injuries station was very helpful,” said Pfc. Keenan Millen, light wheel mechanic, Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion. “This information will prevent us from being dehydrated and passing out during PT in the heat.”

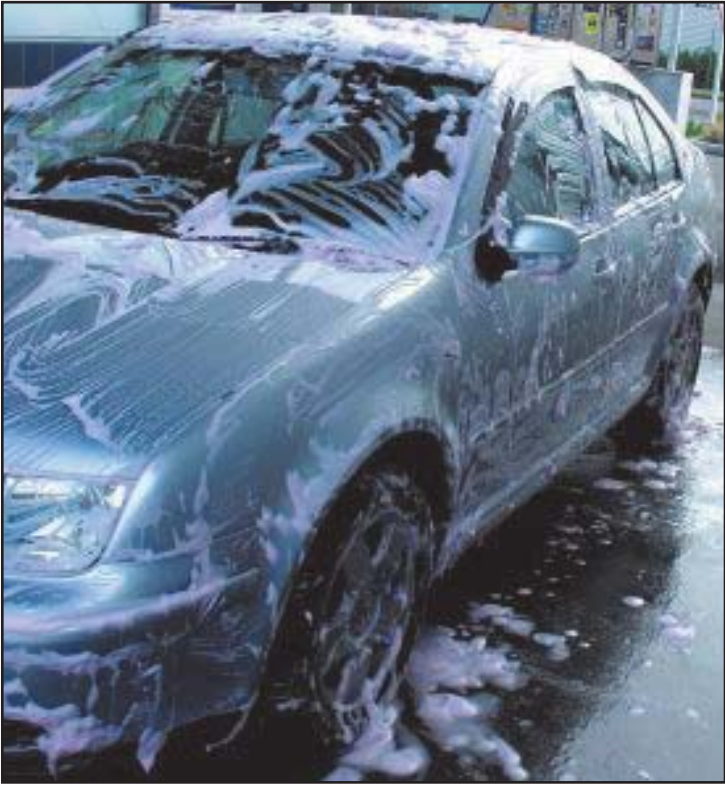
“The weather hazards was a really good station,” said Pvt. Tracy Cothron, small arms repair, Company A, 16th Ordnance Battalion. “The weather

conditions here are different from Louisiana. We don’t see many tornadoes or get any hail. The insect and snake illness station was very informative because I’m not familiar with the kinds of insects they were talking about. I’ve never seen a tick in my life.”

“The biggest impact [of the Shock Trauma presentation] was the pictures and the videos,” said 1st Lt. Justin Strom, executive officer for Company B, 143rd Ordnance Battalion. “Hearing about it is a lot different from seeing it.”

2nd Lt. Paul Borsuk, Officer Basic Course student, Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion, talked about why the safety day is important.

“Every Soldier counts. Every Soldier has a role in his unit’s capabilities of accomplishing their mission,” Borsuk said. “Therefore, it is imperative for us to implement every reasonable safety precaution not just for the individual Soldier or the Soldier’s unit but for the Soldier’s Family waiting for him back home.”



Emphasizing summer environmental awareness

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With summer rolling in and the weather getting warmer the Aberdeen Proving Ground

community should be aware of the impact that outdoor activities, washing vehicles, changing oil, watering lawns and gardens and cutting the grass, have on the storm water from APG that enters the Chesapeake Bay.

Effects of outdoor activities on storm water

Washing vehicles

Car washing produces unregulated discharges of nonylphenoethoxylate(NPE)—based detergents, greases and oils, heavy metals, and salts, most of which flow to storm sewers that discharge to local rivers and lakes.

To help minimize the impact on storm water, take vehicles to a local car wash that uses recycled water or when washing a car at home wash it on the lawn and less often. Use soaps and cleaners labeled non-toxic, chlorine-free, phosphate-free or biodegradable.

Changing oil

Motor oil picks up a variety of contaminants and heavy metals such as cadmium, chromium, lead, arsenic, and dioxins during its use that pose significant

risks to human health and the environment. It takes only one quart of oil to contaminate one million quarts of water (which is about half the size of an Olympic swimming pool), and a single automotive oil change produces four to five quarts of used oil.

Residents living on APG can work on their vehicles at the Auto Craft Shop. At the shop, fluids are recycled and spills are prevented from entering the storm drain system.

Watering lawns, gardens

Be careful not to over water lawns. Over watering allows pollutants and particles of soil or sediment to be picked up and carried into storm drains. Some grasses need more water than others, so determine the kind of grass before deciding to water lawn. When watering the lawn, soak the grass through to the roots, not just the top of the blades. Plant ground cover and water-wise plants and shrubs rather than grass on sloped ground. Use mulch to stabilize soil, prevent runoff, control weeds, and hold in moisture.

Cutting grass

Grass clippings clog storm sewers, which can increase the risk of flooding. The clipping can decompose which uses up oxygen needed for the survival of aquatic life. The decomposing organic matter creates foul odors and taste in drinking water. To help prevent this from occurring, use a bagger when mowing lawns and sweep the streets, curbs, and sidewalks more often.

Signage on APG

Storm water sign maintenance and replacement on APG is an ongoing work effort.

If anyone knows of any storm drain signs that need to be replaced, or have any questions or issue regarding storm water, call Richard Wiggins or Marley Nickle of the Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, Environmental Compliance Division, 410-306-2279.

For more information about the APG storm water program and what everyone can do to help reduce storm water pollution, visit <http://www.apg.army.mil/apghome/sites/directorates/ecd/StormDrain/index.htm>.

AFAP

From front page

Army Community Service is funded to provide sponsorship for waiting Families. They have improved the process for military Families to access available programs. Military Personnel Services Center will notify ACS when sponsors are leaving on unaccompanied tours so the Families can be included in outreach programs provided by ACS. Geographically dispersed waiting Families can access available resources through MilitaryOneSource; Family members can also access information from Web sites such as **www.myArmy-lifetoo.com**, **www.wglo.org**. Virtual Family Readiness Groups are also available for additional support.

Two issues were deemed unattainable: relocation of pets from outside the continental United States and medical malpractice compensation for service members.

There were 17 issues that remained active and will continue to be worked toward resolution. Most of the issues are reflective of the mobilization and deployment and transforming environment that the Army and other services are facing. (See Sidebar)

“We have a clear responsibility as an Army to review these issues that you bring forward from our units and our commands,” said Gen. Richard A. Cody, vice chief of staff of the Army who chaired the meeting. “Nothing is more import to us today than sustaining the all volunteer force.”

He said a lot is being asked of Family members who support their Soldiers, especially now that Soldiers have been asked to deal with 15-month deployments.

“This great Army of ours is doing a tremendous amount of things simultaneously,” Cody said. “We have transformed the way we deal, man, equip and train... All of which has to be done in such a way that we retain and continue to increase the quality of life at our posts, camps and stations.”

With increasing demands placed on Army Families and Soldiers, including frequent deployments and relocations, Cody said the new chief is focused on enhancing the quality of support to Soldiers, civilians and Families.

Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston praised the process of taking the issues raised by Soldiers and their Families to the senior leaders for resolution.

“This AFAP GOSC and the whole AFAP process works,” Preston said. “It gives senior leaders, its leadership on posts, camps, and stations all the way up to the most senior leadership of the Army, an opportunity to really understand the challenges that Soldiers with their Families are going through and a chance to take some of the pressure off them.”

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command in Alexandria, Va., oversees the AFAP program and sustains and maintains the ongoing AFAP process. In its 23rd year of giving a voice to issues affecting Soldiers and Families and the civilians who serve, AFAP addresses real time concerns and continues to re-examine programs and processes and recommend changes that are flexible, responsive, and timely to the needs of Soldiers and Families.

Empowering Soldiers and Families through the AFAP process will continue to raise the bar for Army standards of living. Tailoring the AFAP process to the unique requirement of the Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve will create real-time solutions for concerns that their Soldiers and Families face as well.

“This program has been around for a number of years, and what a great way for Army leadership to listen and to and address challenges affecting Soldiers and Families,” said Sgt. Maj. Dan Elder of U.S. Army Material Command, Alexandria, Va. “We

have seen a lot of success through this process. Top challenges have risen, top dollars have been allocated, laws have been changed, and policies and procedures have been put in place.

“We haven’t solved all the problems, and as an Army at war supporting a nation at war, there are new challenges. I

think we will continue to see successes as these issues are presented,” Elder said.

Cody praised the efforts of the men and women and Families who constantly give of themselves.

“These men, women and Families that we represent have really stepped up to the plate,” Cody said. “This forum

is a way to go back to them and say we understand, we appreciate, give us your issues. They need to feel confident that the senior leadership of the Army is listening.”

The next GOSC meeting, conducted concurrently with the worldwide AFAP conference, is scheduled for Dec. 3 through 7 in Alexandria, Va.

The 17 initiatives still being addressed by the GOSC include:

- calculation of Family subsistence supplemental allowance
- survivor benefit plan and dependency and indemnity compensation offset
- unit ministry team force structure
- shortage of professional marriage counselors in the continental United States
- marriage and Family counseling services in remote areas
- health processing of demobilizing army reserve component Soldiers
- reserve component combat stress related reintegration training
- reserve component post mobilization counseling
- funding for reserve component reunion and marriage enrichment classes
- availability of authorized TRICARE providers in networks and remote areas
- co-pay for replacement parts of durable medical equipment and prosthetics
- traumatic brain injury rehabilitation program at military medical centers of excellence
- retroactive traumatic service members group life insurance compensation
- traumatic service members group life insurance annual supplemental
- convicted sex offender registry OCONUS
- Family member employment in the civil service system
- OCONUS shipment of second POV for accompanied tours

Chapel News

Battlefield of the Mind Conference

The Main Post Chapel presents Dr. Joel Freeman, pastor, radio personality, human behavior specialist and author, who will conduct a Battlefield of the Mind Conference, 7 to 10 p.m., June 22 and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 23.

For more information, call 410-278-4333.

Register for Vacation Bible School

The APG Main Post Chapel Vacation Bible School will be held 6 to 8:45 p.m., June 25 through 29, for preschoolers ages 5 to grade 6.

This year’s theme is “Holy Land Adventure: Galilee by the Sea – Catch Jesus in Action.”

Nursery care will be provided for volunteers.

Registration forms for volunteers (adults and teens) are available in the entrance of the Main Post (APG North) and South Post (APG South) chapels. Early registration is requested. For more information, call Gerri Merkel, 410-278-2516 or e-mail gerri.merkel@apg.army.mil.

Children’s Play Group

Army Community Service sponsors a Children’s Play Group, 9 to 11 a.m., each Wednesday at the Main Post Chapel playroom.

Parents and their small children are invited to join others for some “fun time.”